

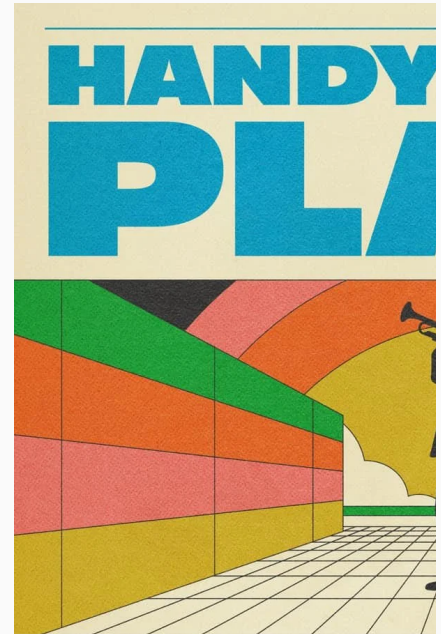
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W.C. Handy Festival 2025

Wednesday, July 16, 2025,
6:00 PM –
Sunday, July 27, 2025,
11:00 AM

Florence, Alabama ([map](#))

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This year's festival celebrating the "Father of the Blues," W.C. Handy, will be held from July 16-27.

History

The W. C. Handy Music Festival was initiated with the help of musician and Sheffield native Willie Ruff, who along with Dr. David Mussleman and others, envisioned and helped MPS to present the first W. C. Handy Music Festival. That first Festival was a long weekend of music



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including parks, restaurants, stores, libraries, museums, art galleries, sidewalks, parking lots, and lawns. It also features athletic events, plays, music classes, car shows, and much more.

Wednesday, July 16



Thursday, July 17



Handy On The Plaza – Thursday Night Downtown Florence Celebration

Starts: 5:30 PM | Ends: 10:00 PM

Location: Mobile Plaza, Florence, AL

Featuring: Ghost River Revival, Lucie

Tiger, North Mississippi Allstars

Karaoke Idol for Salvation Army

Starts: 6:00 PM | Ends: 10:30 PM

Location: FloBama, 311 North Court St.,
Florence, AL

- Festuring 35 of the best Shoals Area singers! Plus dance offs! Plus a silent auction! Sign up begins at 5pm. Singing begins at 6pm. No charge to attend. Only \$25 to enter the contest. (And the money goes to a very good cause!)



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Starts: 7:00 PM

Location: Historic Roxy Theatre, 200

North Jackson St., Russellville, AL

Featuring: Local Talented Performers



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